

**Remarks**

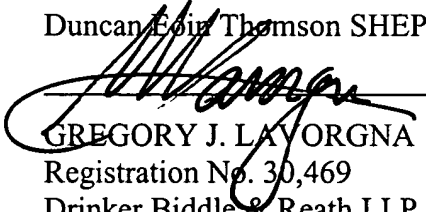
Claims 1-33 are currently pending in the application. Certain claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform to U.S. practice. The specification has been amended to add headings and to add an entry to the listing of figures, which was erroneously omitted when the Application was filed. Basis for this amendment may be found in the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 22 of the specification as filed. An Abstract has been added. No new matter has been added to the Application. Entry of the Preliminary Amendment and an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests that allowance be granted at the earliest date possible. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicant's amendments or response, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (215) 988-3309.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan John JOHNSTONE and  
Duncan Eoin Thomson SHEPHERD



GREGORY J. L'AMORNA  
Registration No. 30,469  
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP  
One Logan Square  
18<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-6996  
Tel: (215) 988-3309  
Fax: (215) 988-2757  
*Attorney for Applicants*